

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – AUGUST 20, 2001

COALBROOK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie Di Vona recommends:

That the City of Vaughan notify York Regional Police to enhance enforcement of the non-compliance of stop signs and reported dangerous driving on Coalbrook Court;

That the City of Vaughan install a “no exit” sign on the north side of Coalbrook Court at Grancrest Gate to inform northbound traffic that left turn movement will result in entering a dead end street;

That the City of Vaughan approves of the three way stop installation at Coalbrook Court at Grancrest Gate and on Belview Avenue at Coalbrook Court, in consultation with the City of Vaughan Engineering Department;

That the City of Vaughan Engineering Department revisit the replaced walkway lighting between Coalbrook Court and Michelle Drive to review the box type fixture or alternative, recommended by the City of Vaughan Engineering Department;

That the City of Vaughan Engineering Department review the sidewalk installation on Grantcrest Gate to determine the compliance with City of Vaughan Sidewalk Policy and needs, as a result of the switch of the sidewalk from the northside of Coalbrook to the south end of Coalbrook;

That the City of Vaughan replaces the dead sod along the walkway with asphalt and this be paid for by the developer as the walkway is not assumed and is not maintained;

That the City of Vaughan Works Department installs bollards at walkway entrances to prevent vehicular traffic on walkways;

That the City of Vaughan Works Department completes a curb cut or the installation of a small concrete slab to allow wheelchair access to the walkway at Coalbrook Court;

That the City of Vaughan By Law Department be requested to investigate and enforce the “poop and scoop” at Blue Willow Parkette;

That the City of Vaughan Engineering Department review the need for a school crossing sign and/or lighting for Blue Willow Public School.

Background

A community meeting was held on July 11, 2001 attended by many residents of Coalbrook Court to discuss matters of a community interest.

Residents have been very active and concerned with local traffic infiltration as Coalbrook Court connects to Belview Avenue and the Commercial Centre at Westonridge Shopping Plaza at Weston Road and Hwy #7.

The connection of Coalbrook Court to Belview Avenue was part of the CMHC decision of 1991 with the connection mandated. However, it has caused several problems such as dangerous driving and speeding. This has resulted in vehicles having landed on front lawns of residents as regular non-compliance to the stop sign has been witnessed.

Coalbrook Court also connects to a townhouse development to the west and a walkway has been installed and residents have complained of the unkept condition, glass debris, and also the walkway lighting has never worked. Last summer the walkway lighting fixtures were replaced with streetlights and caused light trespassing into the properties and homes of abutting residents. Some sort of screening device or change in light fixtures is needed.

Coalbrook was planned to have a sidewalk on one side of the street (northside) and it was switched to the southside of the street. The switch to the southside of the street has resulted in an inappropriate sidewalk, as the utility appliances were left in the same place and the sidewalk width at places was approximately 18 inches. The sidewalk along Coalbrook Court is acceptable, but the sidewalk alongside Grantcrest Gate is needed on the westside vs. the eastside as that is where the homes exist and path to the parkette.

The walkway between Coalbrook Court and Michelle Drive has caused residents concern as some residents have a wheelchair and would like to use the walkway. Regrettably, there is no wheelchair ramp at Coalbrook Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie DiVona

Attachment

